

Alabama

Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS)

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AGE:

Birth to 21 years of age, except clients with hemophilia which are covered beyond 21 years of age.

RESIDENCY:

Alabama residents. Residency is defined as physically residing within the state of Alabama at the time of enrollment. The enrolled individual must remain within the state for continued eligibility.

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Any child with a special health care need is eligible for services based on individual needs and the availability of the service within the agency. The seven programs in CRS are: the Information and Referral Program, the Specialty Clinical Medical Program, the Specialty Clinical Evaluation Program, the Client/Family Education Program, the Care Coordination Program, the Early Intervention Program, and the Parent Connection Program.

Eligible Conditions:

Treatment in the CRS Clinical Medical Program is provided for the following conditions:

Cardiac conditions *	Neurosurgical/neurological conditions
Cerebral palsy	Orthopedic impairments
Cleft lip and palate	Plastic surgical conditions
Craniofacial conditions	Seizures
Cystic fibrosis	Scoliosis
Hearing loss	Spina bifida
Hemophilia	Urological conditions
Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis	Visual impairments

* Excluding transplantation.

Excluded Conditions:

None specifically excluded, contact the Program directly for more information.

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

General Financial Eligibility:

Any child with a special health care need is financially eligible for services. Parents are asked to financially participate in the medical care of their child based on a sliding fee scale and to utilize any third party coverage they may have available, such as Medicaid, private health insurance, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS), State Child Health Insurance Program (ALL-Kids), etc.

Financial Eligibility for Initial Screening:

See "General Financial Eligibility".

Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements:

See "General Financial Eligibility".

SCOPE OF SERVICES

SERVICES:

Eligible Services:

The following services are provided through CRS programs:

Appliances	Nursing services
Assistive technology	Nutritional counseling
Audiological services	Occupational therapy
Care coordination services	Physician services
Client/family education services	Physical therapy
Early intervention services	Social work services
Hospitalization	Special dental/orthodontic services
Laboratory services	Speech/language therapy
Low vision services	Surgery
Medication	Transportation reimbursement

Excluded Services:

None specifically listed, contact the Program directly for more information.

HOW/WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

Services are provided at CRS clinics, approved hospitals, rehabilitation centers, the client's home or school, and other appropriate agency and community settings as needed.

Specialty Clinics/Programs:

CRS conducts clinics for the following conditions:

Cerebral palsy	Neurosurgical/neurological conditions
Cleft lip and palate	Orthopedic impairments
Craniofacial conditions	Scoliosis
Cystic fibrosis	Seizures
Hearing loss	Spina bifida
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Note: See "Specialized or Unique Services, Special Grants, Workshops, etc." below.

Out-of-State Services:

A child currently in the Clinical Medical Program may be eligible to receive services out-of-state if the treating CRS physician requests services not currently available in Alabama.

COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

Coordination of Financial Benefits:

CRS acts as payor of last resort after Medicaid, SCHIP, private insurance, and family co-payment.

Coordination of Services:

CRS provides care coordination to all enrolled clients. Essential components of care coordination include a comprehensive assessment of client/family resources and needs, development of a Patient/Family Care Plan (PCP), coordination of service delivery by multiple providers, review of services received, evaluation of outcomes, and periodic revision of the PCP.

SPECIALIZED OR UNIQUE SERVICES, SPECIAL GRANTS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.:

CRS sponsors committees to advise in the development and enhancement of the program, promote public awareness, and advocate for individuals with special health care needs. These include: the Medical Advisory Committee, Hemophilia Advisory Committee, and the State and Local Parent Advisory Committees.

CRS employs parents as parent consultants in the state and local offices to direct the parent volunteer program, coordinate the Local Parent Advisory Committee, and participate in program planning activities. CRS publishes a Parent Connection Newsletter and has developed a Parent-to-Parent Network and Parent Resource Centers complete with internet connections.

Specialized Evaluation Services:

CRS provides specialized evaluation services to address unique client needs related to specific medical problems.

Augmentative Communication/Technology (ACT) Evaluation

The multidisciplinary ACT Team offers evaluation and intervention planning for clients of all ages with chronic, disabling conditions who may require assistive technology to reach their maximum potential. This evaluation service is offered jointly with other divisions within the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Feeding Evaluation

The multidisciplinary Feeding Team offers evaluation, prevention, and intervention services for infants and children with medical conditions which result in feeding problems that interfere with adequate nutrition.

Infant/Toddler Developmental Evaluation

CRS provides multidisciplinary evaluation services related to and in accordance with the IDEA, Part C Program.

Specialized Evaluation Services: (continued)

Seating and Positioning Evaluation

The Seating and Positioning Team offers evaluation and recommendations for adaptive seating and positioning equipment in order to maximize client functioning.

Special Grants:

Hemophilia Service Grants

CRS receives one grant from Hemophilia of Georgia. It provides funds for comprehensive care for persons with bleeding disorders through the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury Grant

CRS received a three-year grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau to develop a statewide system of care for pediatric survivors of traumatic brain injury (TBI). Grant activities began in FY 1998 and include developing and implementing the following: (1) strategies to increase interagency collaboration; (2) education and training programs for survivors, families, and/or professionals; and (3) a replicable pre-discharge model to be used in acute care settings for long-term resource and service planning. An additional fourth year of funding was awarded for FY 2001.

Genetics Demonstration Grant

CRS received a three year grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau to improve health outcomes for young children with genetic conditions through early access to an integrated system of services within a three county area. CRS' partner in this effort is the University of South Alabama, Department of Medical Genetics.

STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

Ala. Code §§ 21-3-1, et. seq.; 16-38-1, et. seq. (Supp. 1992)

Ala. Admin. Code r. 290-070-010, et. seq. (1990)